MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the Commissioner be pleased to make further arrangements for more buses to run in the evening for the convenience of the beach-going people?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI: According to the agreement, I shall insist on them.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: According to the agreement how many buses are running in the evening?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI: I have no definite information about the number of buses; but I know that buses are running for the convenience of the passengers.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Is there not a clause saying that two buses should run?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI: Yes.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Are two buses running now according to that clause?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI: My information is that two buses are now running. I cannot say exactly whether those buses are running in the evening. Anyhow, I know that one bus is running in the evening.

Complaints against Mr. Hilkiah's taking part in the Presidential election of the Padmanabhapuram Municipality.

35. MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Mr. R. Sivaramakrishna Aiyar, Ex-Chairman of the Padmanabhapuram Municipality, petitioned the Government on 7-5-1106 to the effect that Mr. Hilkiah was openly taking part in the Presidential election;

(*b*) whether a deputation waited upon the Dewan in camp at Vaikam, and the Dewan stayed the election and ordered an enquiry and also ordered the transfer of Mr. Hilkiah from the place; and

(*c*) whether, in pursuance of the Dewan's order, Mr. S. Paramesvara Aiyar, Dewan Peishkar, issued notice to parties and summons to witnesses and posted the case for investigation at Nagercoil and why this enquiry was stopped all on a sudden?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI: (*a*) No. Government were not petitioned on 7-5-1106.

(*b*) No information is available whether a deputation waited upon the Dewan while in camp at Vaikam. A petition from Mr. Sivaramakrishna Aiyar, dated 6-5-1106, was received from the Ag. Dewan's camp at Vaikam with orders to postpone the election of the President of the Padmanabhapuram Municipality. The Dewan did not order any enquiry or the transfer of Mr. Hilkiah on that petition.

(*c*) A petition, dated 4-5-1106, from Mr. Sivaramakrishna Aiyar alleging certain irregularities in the list of nominations for the presidential election was forwarded to the Dewan Peishkar, Trivandrum, for enquiry and disposal. The Dewan Peishkar dismissed that petition as it was found inadmissible under the rules.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: May I know whether there was any enquiry?

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MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI: I said already that the orders were for *enquiry and disposal.*

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Did he started enquiry and issue summons to witnesses ?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI: His finding was that such a petition was inadmissible under the rules and therefore he could not proceed with the enquiry. It was beyond his powers.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Was the enquiry about the conduct of the officer or the petition ?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI: The enquiry was ordered in connection with Mr. Sivaramakrishna Aiyar's petition dated 4-5-1106.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Was it not against the conduct of a Government Servant ?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI: It was about the alleged irregularities in the conduct of the Presidential election.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: May I know whether the enquiry was in any way illegal under the rules ?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI: Under the existing rules, the Dewan Peishkar has no jurisdiction to enquire. So the Dewan Peishkar did not enquire.

MR. G. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Was not the very same officer retransferred to the very same station ?

PRESIDENT: That does not arise.

Petition against Mr. Hilkiah while he was the Medical Officer at Tuckalai.

36. MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they received a petition, while Mr. Hilkiah was the Medical Officer at Tuckalai, attributing corruption, etc., to him;

(*b*) whether there was an allegation in the petition about the extraction of the teeth of an in-patient and the consequences thereof;

(*c*) whether they deputed the Inspecting Medical Officer to investigate these complaints;

(*d*) why the Inspecting Medical Officer refused to take evidence though depositions were offered by respectable gentlemen;

(*e*) whether they will lay on the table a copy of the evidence taken by the Inspecting Medical Officer and his report thereon; and

(*f*) whether any orders were passed on the report, and if so, what ?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Ag. Darbar Physician*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes.

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